Section 3102—Membrane structures.

3102.3 Type of construction. Noncombustible membrane structures shall be classified as Type II-B construction. Noncombustible frame or cable-supported structures covered by an approved membrane in accordance with Section 3102.3.1 shall be classified as Type II-B construction. Heavy timber frame-supported structures covered by an approved membrane in accordance with Section 3102.3.1 shall be classified as Type IV-HT construction. Other membrane structures shall be classified as Type V construction.

EXCEPTION: Plastic less than 30 feet (9144 mm) above any floor used in greenhouses, where occupancy by the general public is not authorized, and for aquaculture pond covers is not required to meet the fire propagation performance criteria of Test Method 1 or 2, as appropriate, of NFPA 701.

3102.6.1.1 Membrane. A membrane meeting the fire propagation performance criteria of Test Method 1 or 2, as appropriate, of NFPA 701 shall be permitted to be used as the roof or as a skylight on buildings of Type II-B, III, IV-HT and V construction, provided that the membrane is not less than 20 feet (6096 mm) above any floor, balcony or gallery.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 19.27.031 and 19.27.074. WSR 19-02-038, § 51-50-3102, filed 12/26/18, effective 7/1/19.]